

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Ketchikan Gateway Borough****Project Title:**

Ketchikan Gateway Borough - Completion Of The Fawn Mountain Sports Field

State Funding Requested: \$ 1,000,000**House District: 1 - A**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Completion funding for track lighting, infield turf, and safety/recreational improvements at Fawn Mountain Sports Field in Ketchikan.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$1,000,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Item is \$1,000,000 in completion funding for track lighting, infield turf, and safety/recreational improvements at Fawn Mountain Sports Field in Ketchikan. This is a two years project with the rubber track surfacing half completed to date. This project consists of installing the artificial turf infield for both soccer and football and general improvements to make the facility safer. Activities are currently played on raked dirt fields. Installation of turf will allow for compliance with high school regulations to field the State Track Tournament. This is a community field that is used by youth sports adult recreation, these improvements will make it safer for athletes and a positive recreation area for the community.

Project Timeline:

FY09-FY10

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Ketchikan School District and Ketchikan Gateway Borough

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



THE COMMUNITY OF KETCHIKAN



Completion of the Fawn Mountain Sports Field

FUNDING REQUEST

\$1,000,000

PROJECT SUMMARY:

This project provides for track lighting, shot put and discus blocks, long jump and triple jump runways and pits, and infield artificial turf.

PROJECT HISTORY/STATUS:

This project was started two years ago with the rubber track being the only portion completed to date. This project needs consist of installing both the shot put and the discus blocks including the safety cages, providing for the long jump and triple jump runways and landing pits, the artificial turf infield for both soccer and football and a turnstile gate system to keep dogs out. Both soccer and football are currently played on raked dirt fields. The completion of this sports field will allow for compliance with high school regulations to field the State Track Tournament. This is a community field that is used by youth sports adult recreation.

PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST:

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough is seeking an appropriation of \$1,000,000.00 to be applied towards the completion costs of this project.



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

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OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH MANAGER

April 24, 2008

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Re: Ketchikan-Area Projects in the FY 2009 State Capital Budget

Dear Governor Palin:

As you review Ketchikan-area projects in the State Capital Budget, please keep in mind the following:

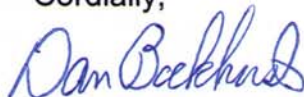
1. Ketchikan projects underwent a careful local review: For 30 years, it has been the custom in Ketchikan that proposals for legislative funding of projects must undergo a rigorous local review. For FY 2009, a coalition of more than 25 local organizations including the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, City of Ketchikan, City of Saxman, and others such as the Planning Commission, School Board, Native organizations, Chamber of Commerce, and seniors met on five occasions to review and ultimately endorse the projects proposed for funding through the FY 2009 State Capital Budget.
2. Ketchikan projects were also subject to independent review at the State level: Ketchikan projects included in the FY 2009 State Capital Budget have been independently reviewed by State officials. For example, funding for major maintenance on the Schoenbar School was ranked by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development as the most needy major maintenance school project in all of Alaska. In every case, Senator Stedman and Representative Johansen endorsed the projects included in the FY 2009 Capital Budget only after they independently determined that the projects served a vital public purpose.
3. Ketchikan projects focus on critical needs, particularly with respect to education, health, public safety, and economic development: Ketchikan projects included in the State Capital Budget relate to essential public services or to efforts to rebuild an economy that was dealt a terrible blow with the significant decline of the timber industry. In most cases, the tie between each capital project and core

services or economic development is evident (e.g., fire stations, school projects, shipyard development, and hospital expansion). In a few cases, the link may be less evident to those not well acquainted with the proposal. For example, the Capital Budget includes funds to complete the Fawn Mountain sports field. That facility adjoins our Fawn Mountain School and serves the physical education needs of students in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District. It also promotes general health among other users of the facility.

4. Ketchikan has committed local funds to proposed capital projects: Ketchikan has committed a significant level of local funding for projects included in the State Capital Budget. Additionally, as you weigh the level of local support for projects in the Capital Budget, please consider the fiscal burden already in place on the taxpayers of Ketchikan. For example, the cost of unfunded-State mandates imposed on the Ketchikan Gateway Borough government will amount to nearly \$11 million in FY 2009 (details are available upon request).
5. While the Legislature has been generous in terms of capital funding for FY 2009, it certainly has not been irresponsible: Many capital project needs in the Ketchikan were deferred during the lean years that Alaska faced since the mid-1980s. This year, however, the resources of the Alaska state government allow a responsible effort to address those deferred capital needs. While the Capital Budget amounts to some \$3 billion, the Legislature has also managed to save \$5 billion. In your State-of-the-State Address in January of this year, you emphasized the importance of sharing the State's wealth with communities. In the context of deferred capital needs and the \$5 billion in savings for FY 2009, the Capital Budget is a responsible action by the Legislature.

If you desire clarification of any of the points raised above, or if you would like additional information concerning any Ketchikan area project included in the FY 2009 State Capital Budget, please feel free to contact me.

Cordially,



Dan Bockhorst
Borough Manager

cc: Karen Rehfeld, Director, Office of Management and Budget
The Honorable Bert Stedman, State Senator, District A
The Honorable Kyle Johansen, State Representative, District 1



April 25, 2008

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor of the State of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

I am writing this letter to encourage your favorable consideration of the various capital projects for the City of Ketchikan that are funded in the FY '09 capital budget approved by the Legislature.

I know that, as a former mayor, you appreciate the significance of well-conceived capital projects for their positive impacts on the quality of life in the community.

Projects specific to the City of Ketchikan approved by the Legislature include:

- City of Ketchikan Fire Station No. 1 Replacement Project: \$5,328,216
- City of Ketchikan – Ketchikan General Hospital Surgical Suite Expansion: \$4,400,000
- City of Ketchikan – Port of Ketchikan Berths I and II Replacement Projects: \$3,000,000
- Knudson Cove Harbor Reconstruction: \$350,000
- City of Ketchikan – Design of Baranof Water Reservoir Replacement: \$150,000

I also want to note our support for two projects, which, while technically not City of Ketchikan projects, have received substantial financial contributions from the City due to the importance they play in helping the community in its economic recovery after the loss of the timber industry.

- Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority – Ketchikan Shipyard Power Generation & Infrastructure Improvements: \$3,000,000
- Oceans Alaska – Shellfish Industry Training Center: \$1,000,000

Needless to say, the City also supports appropriations approved for other local governments and organizations.

I want to briefly emphasize a couple of important points.

1. Extensive local public process: We had an extensive public process at the local level to determine our capital project priority requests that we forwarded to our legislators. We held a number of public meetings at which citizens of Ketchikan were given the opportunity to review and suggest projects. There was significant local participation.

From there the list of potential capital project requests was then forwarded to the City Council for its consideration and approval. In sum, all of our project requests, including those which were

funded, went through a public process and eventual consideration and prioritization by local government. In fact, all major appropriations approved by the Legislature for City of Ketchikan-specific projects were in the top 6 priorities for entire community, i.e., after consideration of projects submitted by other local governments and organizations.

2. Significant local funding: The three major City projects in the approved capital budget involve a significant level of local funding. The City anticipates fully matching the \$5.3 million in state funds appropriated to replace our 66-year-old central fire station. The City anticipates significant local funds being used to match \$4.4 million in state funds for the proposed surgery suite at Ketchikan General Hospital that will replace the existing 42-year-old surgery area; in the first two phases of the master plan we have financed in excess of \$21 million for capital improvements to the City-owned facility. The \$3 million appropriation for the Port of Ketchikan is designated for an estimated \$20 million project to replace old cruise ship berths in Ketchikan. The City has already expended or committed \$4.2 million in local funding for this project; we have also recently completed a \$38 million port improvement project that was 100% locally financed. In sum, I believe that the City is stepping up to the plate with our own funds to commit to these projects.

In closing I would like to thank you for your hard work on behalf of the entire State of Alaska. I hope that as you review the capital projects for the City of Ketchikan you will agree that the projects all serve a public purpose and that they are critical infrastructure projects which are deserving of state financial participation.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Weinstein".

Bob Weinstein
Mayor

cc: Karen Rehfeld, Director of OMB
Senator Bert Stedman
Representative Kyle Johansen